



# High-Energy Physics from the Sun

## Problems and Prospects



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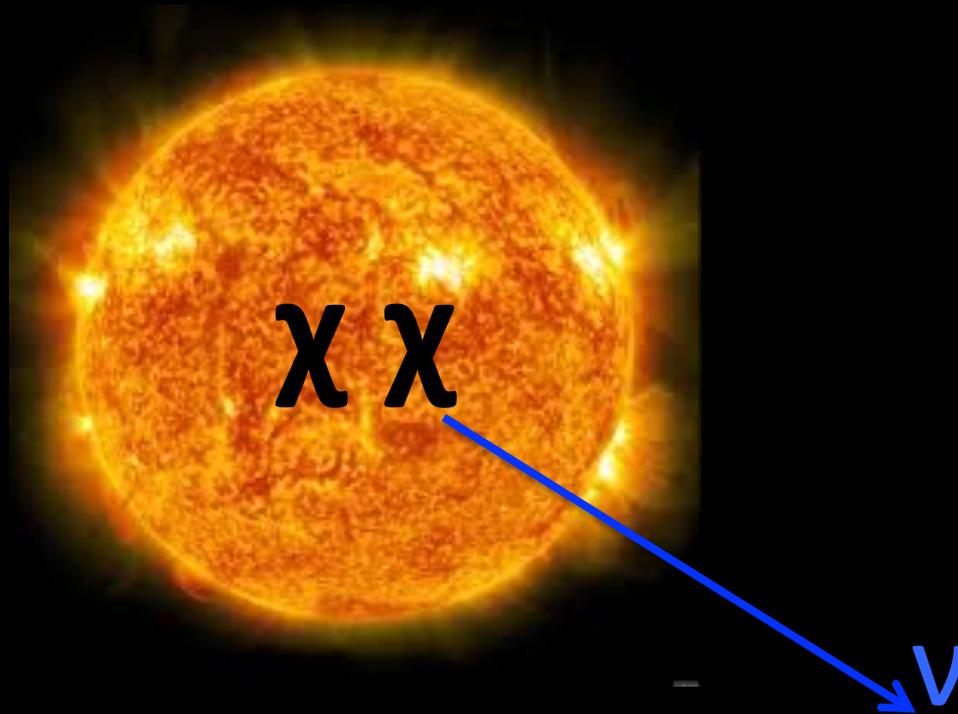
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# Sun – Dark Matter Detector

Gravitational Capture -> Annihilation

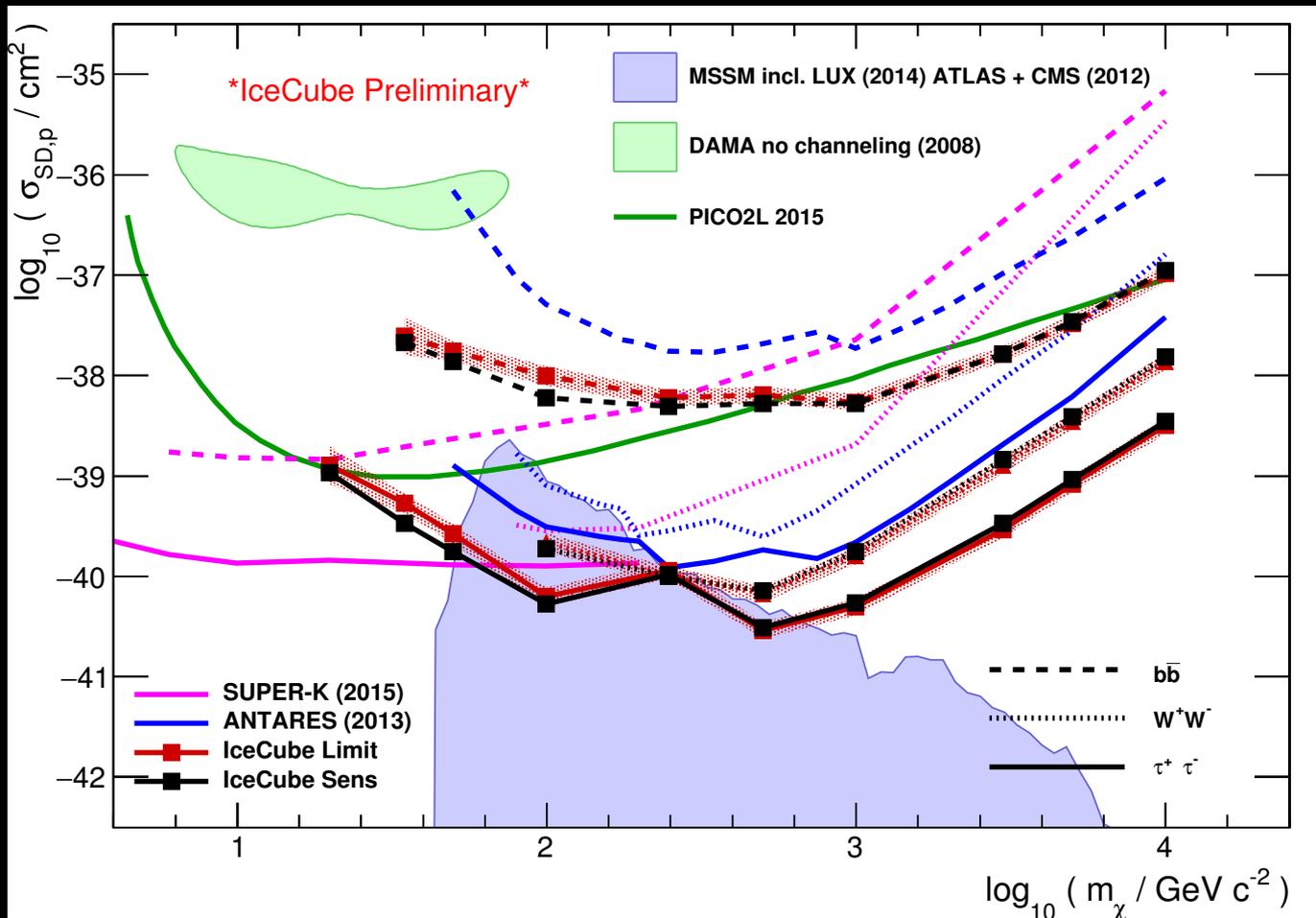


E.g.  $\chi\chi \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \nu + X$

Press, Spergel 1985, +++



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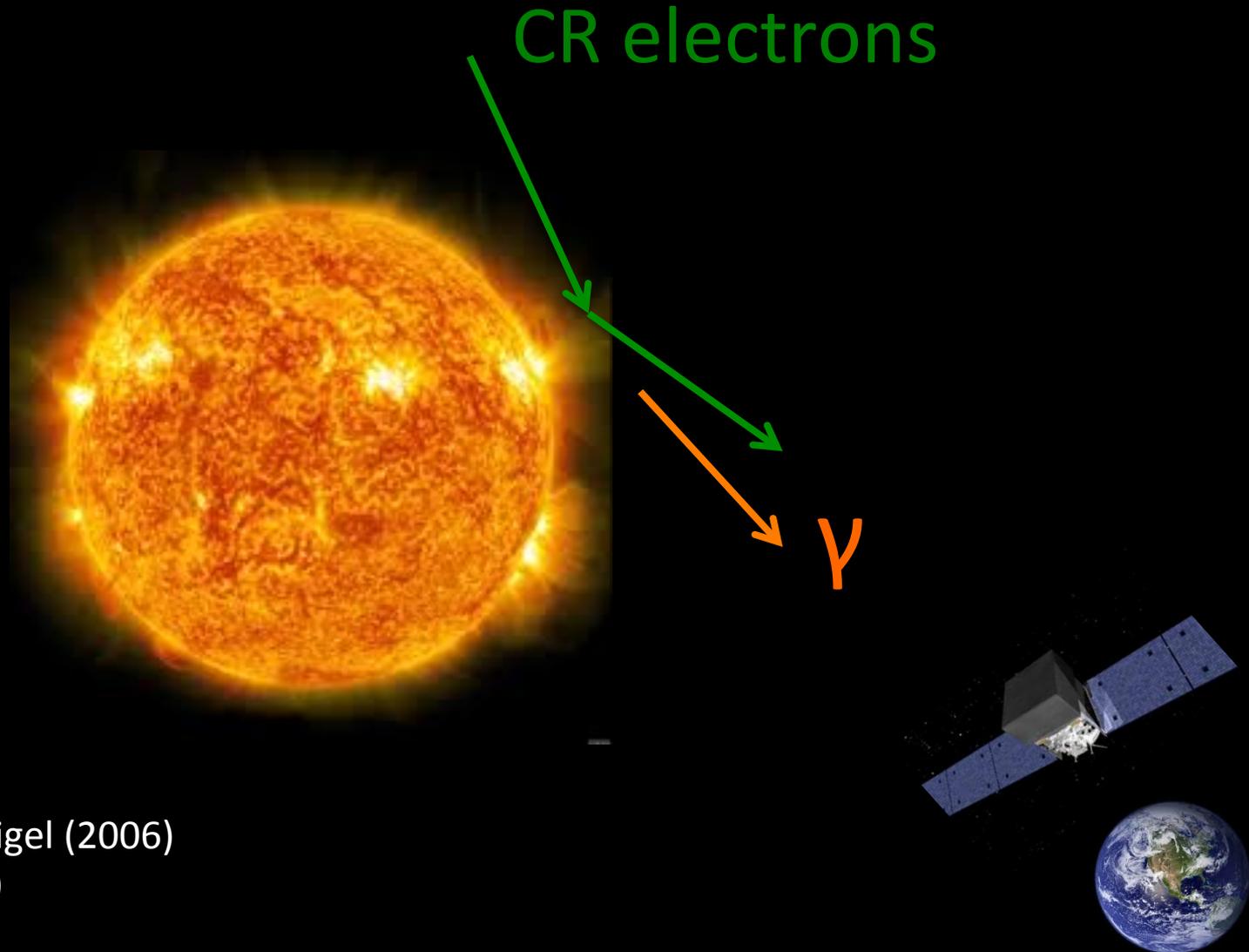


IceCube  
ICRC 2015

The best SD -  $\chi N$  cross section limit!

# Sun – Cosmic-Ray Beam Dump

- Leptonic



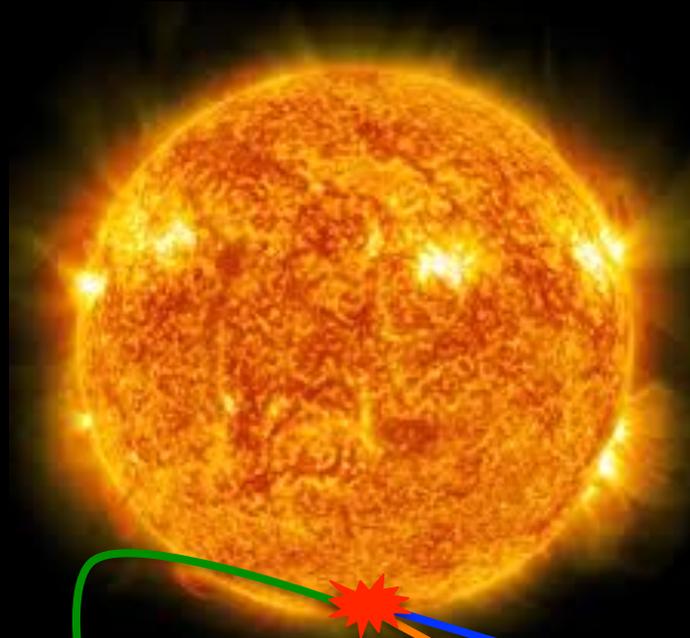
Moskalenko, Porter, Digel (2006)

Orlando, Strong (2007)

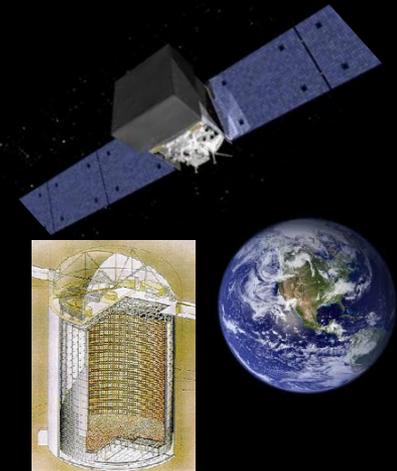
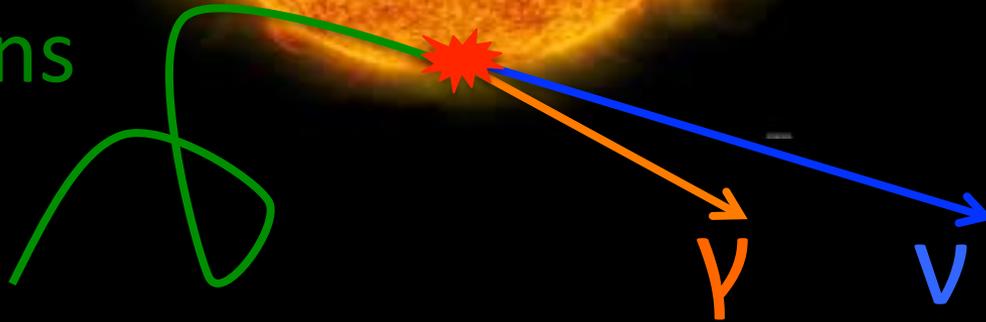
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- Hadronic

Seckel, Stanev, Gaisser (1991),  
Moskalenko, Karakula (1993),  
Ingelman, Thunman (1996), +



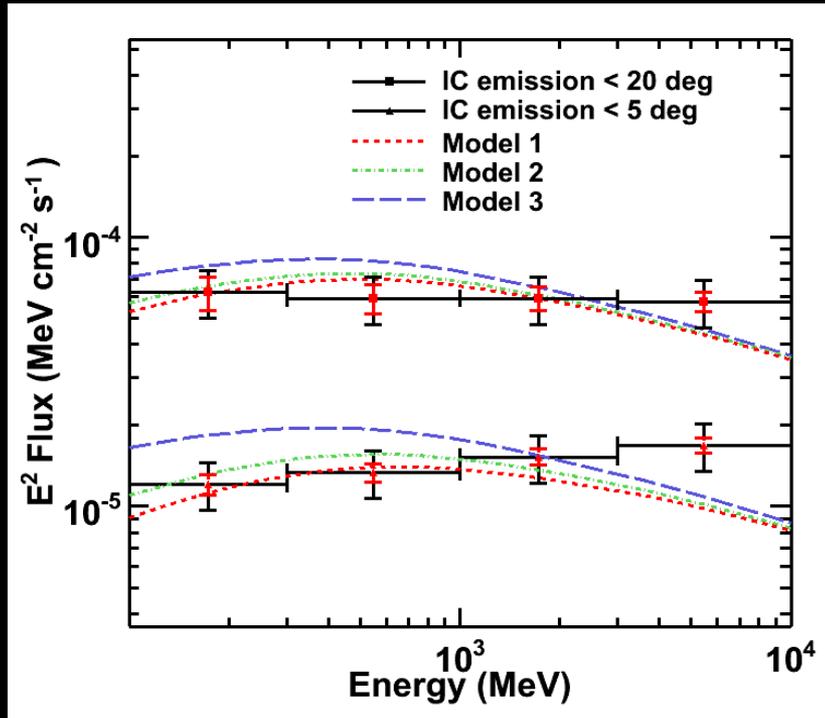
CR protons



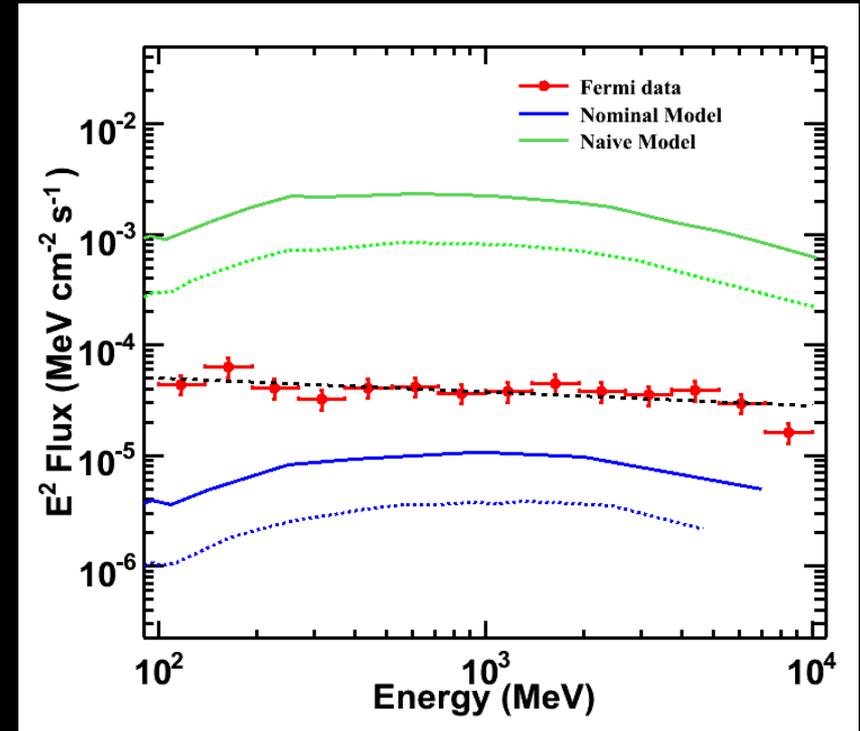
# Fermi 2011

-> Nicola Giglietto 16B

## Leptonic



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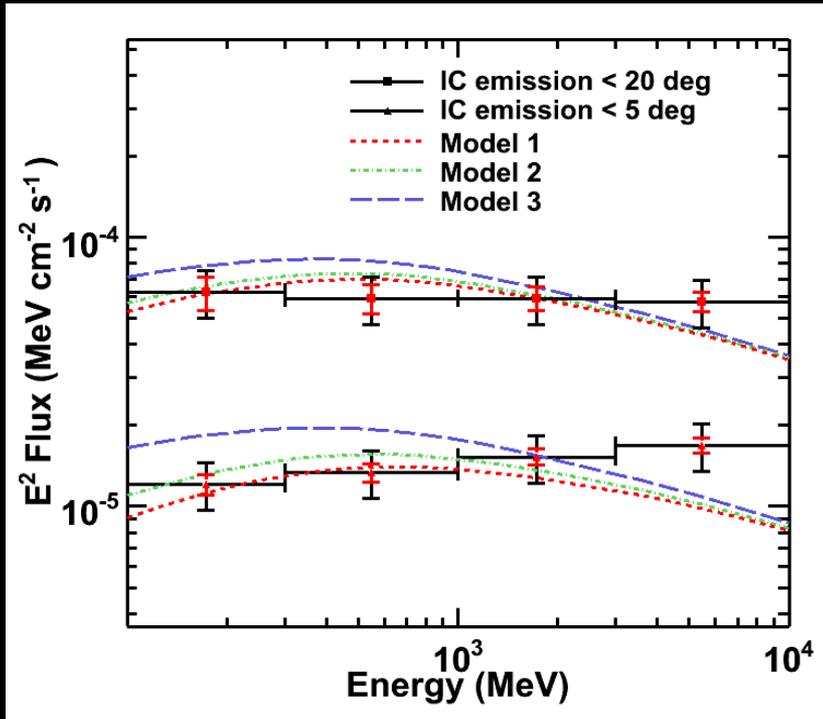


Abdo et al. 2011

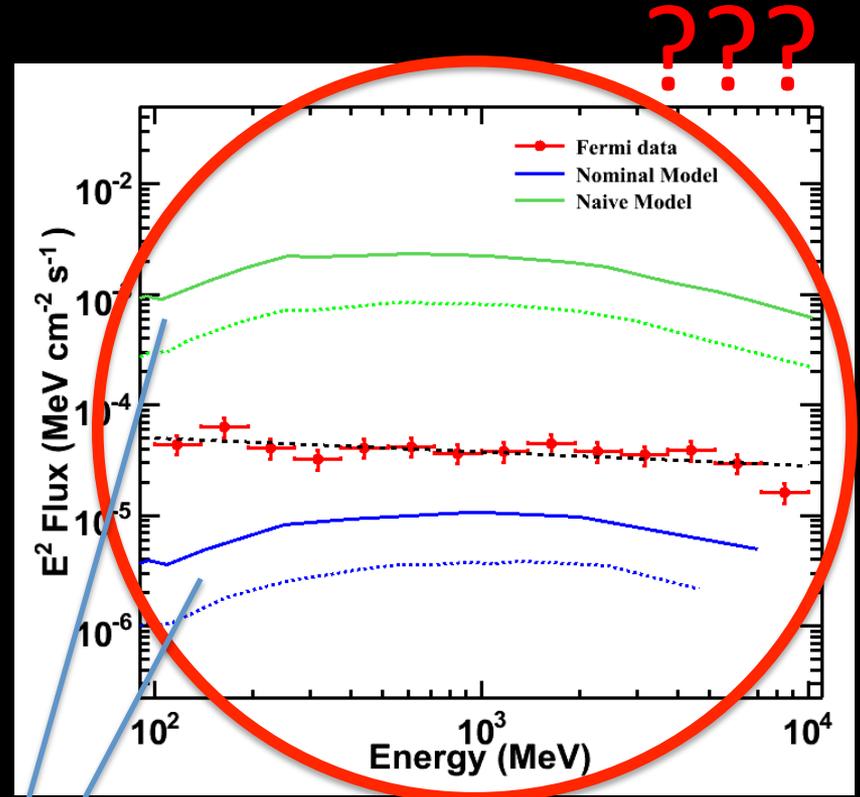
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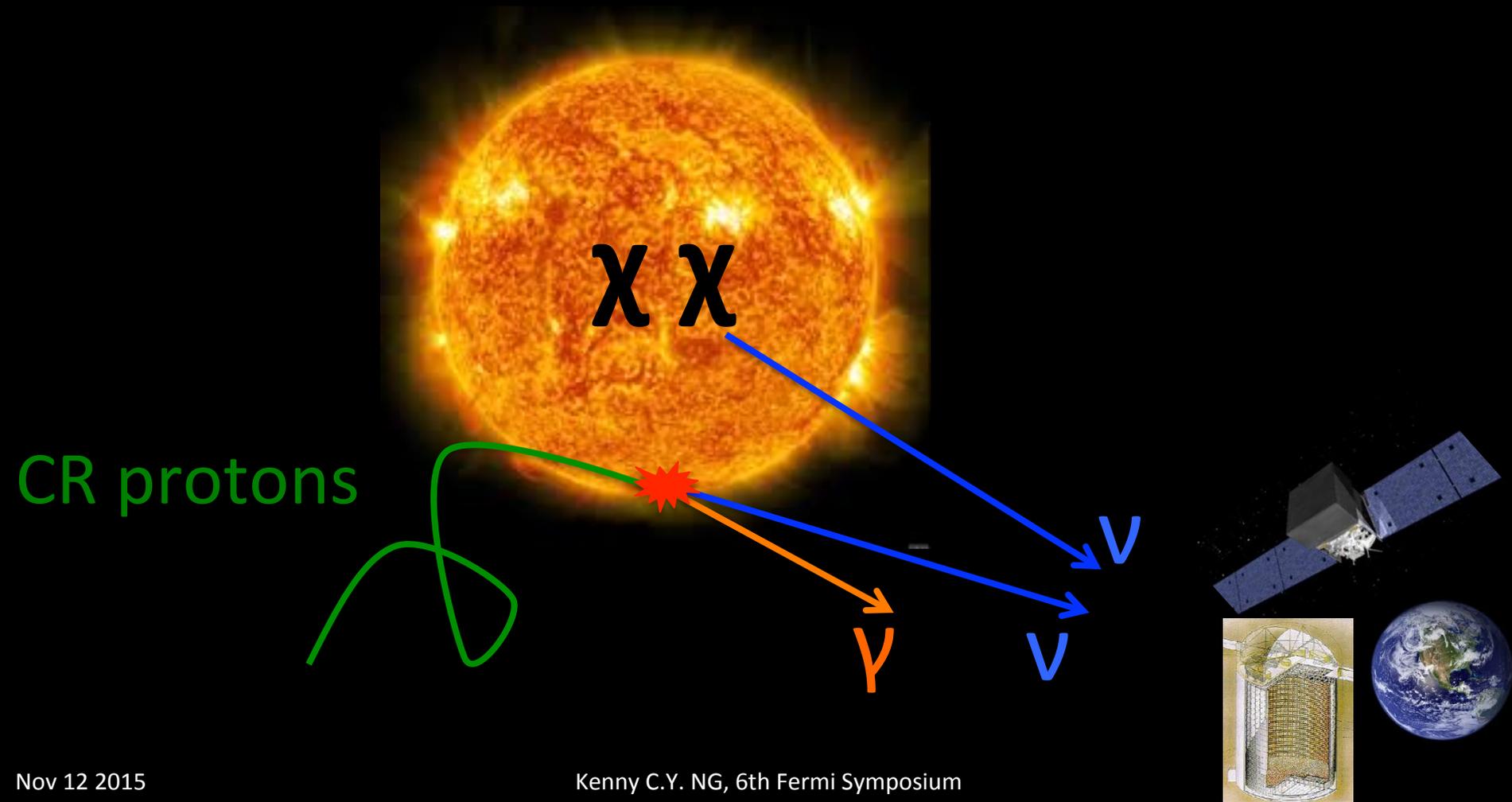
## Hadronic



Seckel et al 1991

Abdo et al. 2011

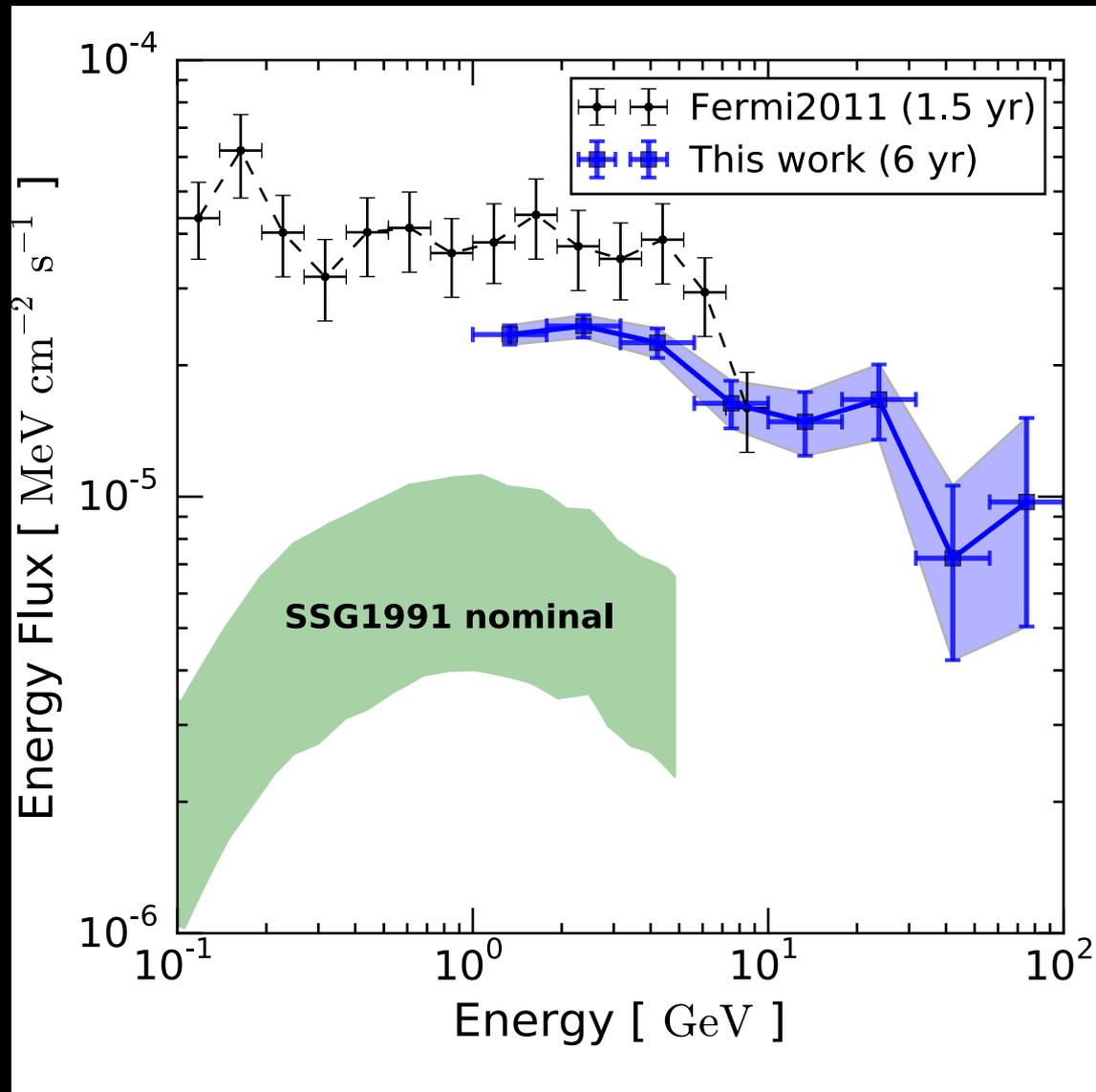
# Cosmic Rays vs Dark Matter



# 6-yr Solar Disk Spectrum

Ng et al. (2015)

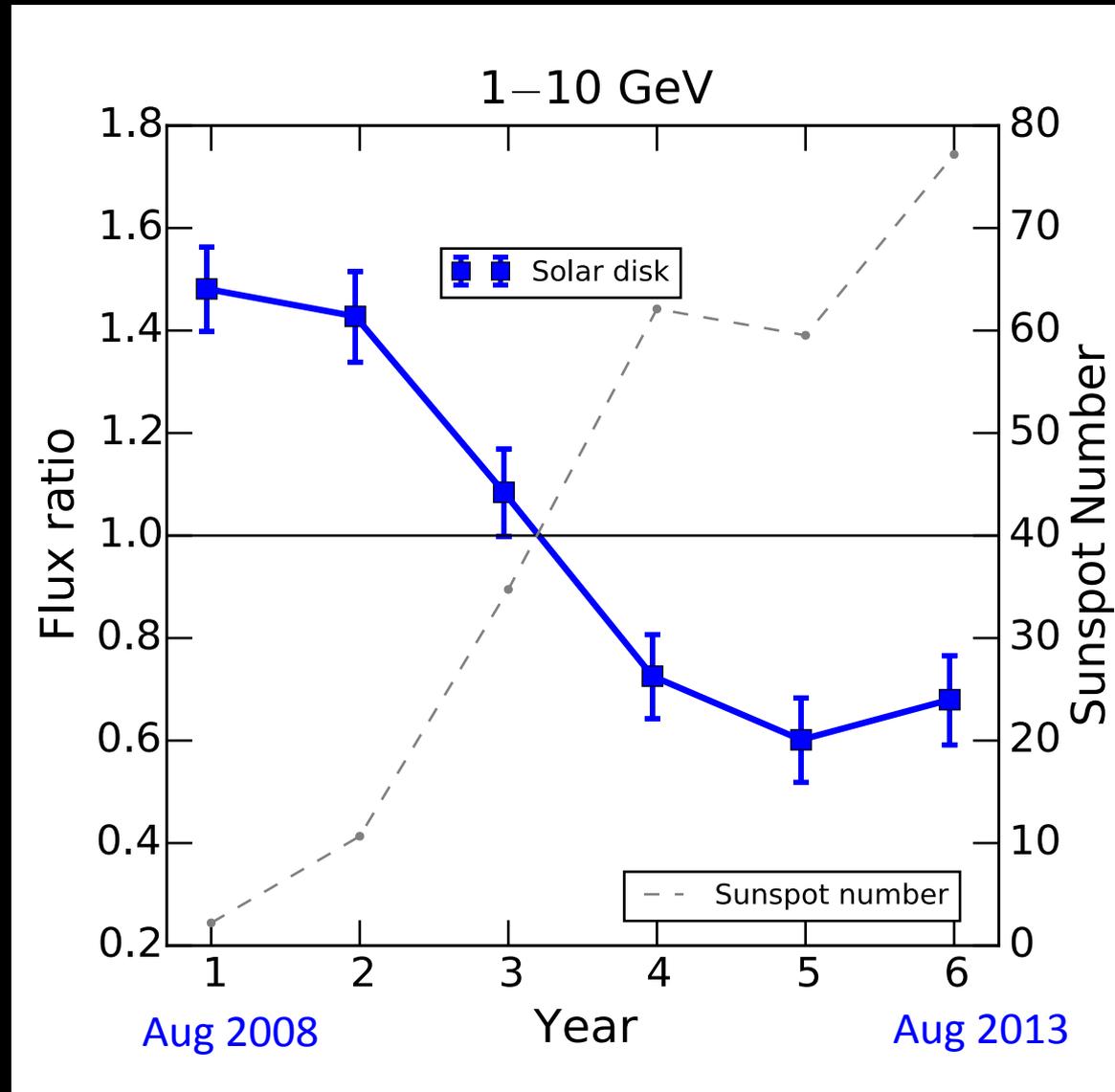
- $> 1\text{GeV}$
- Inconsistent with Model (Seckel et al. 1991)
- Lower flux!?



# Time Variation!

Ng et al. (2015)

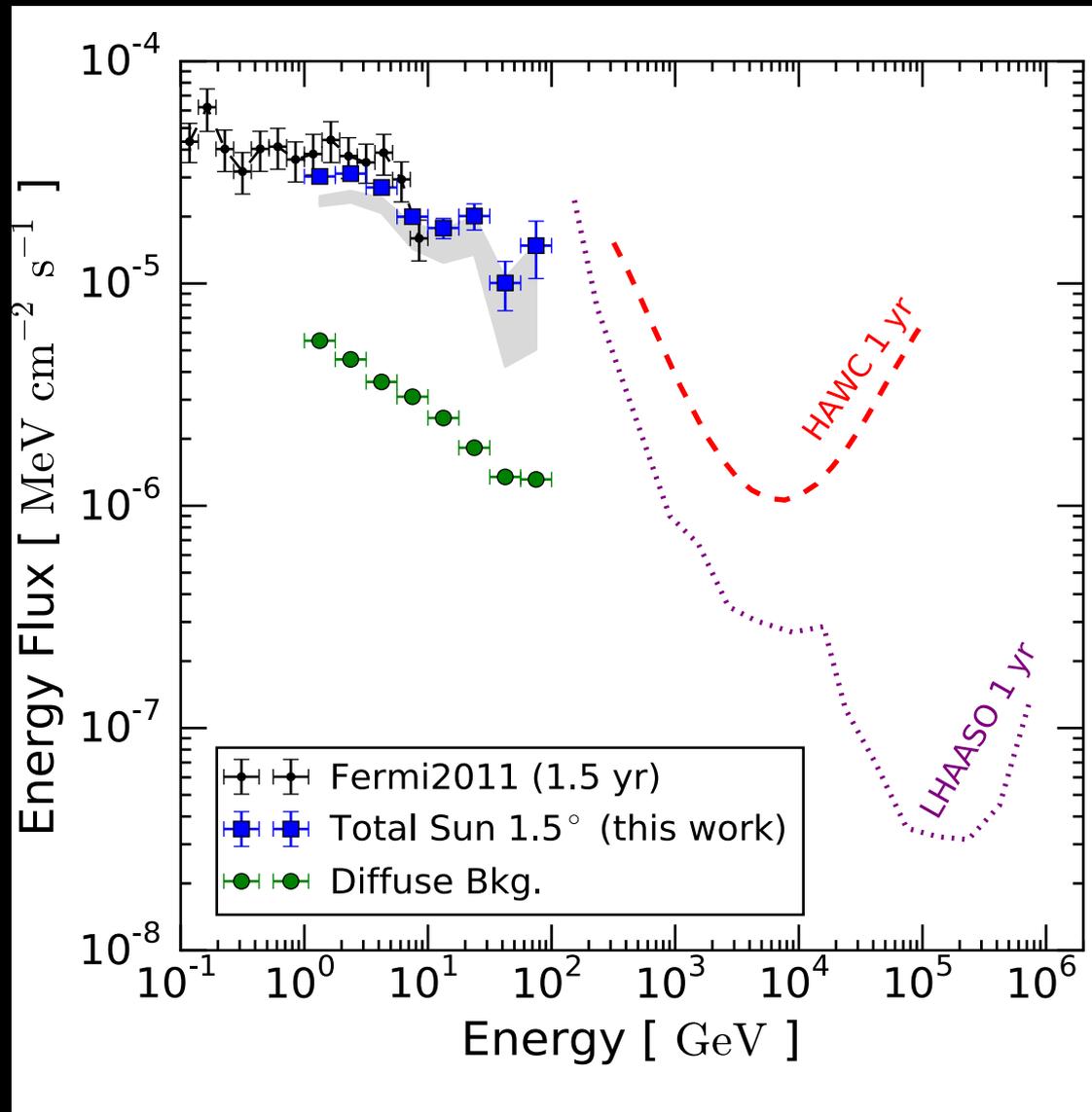
- Definitely looks like Cosmic Rays
- Magnetic fields
  - IMF
  - Corona
  - Photosphere



# TeV Gamma-Ray Sun

Ng et al. (2015)

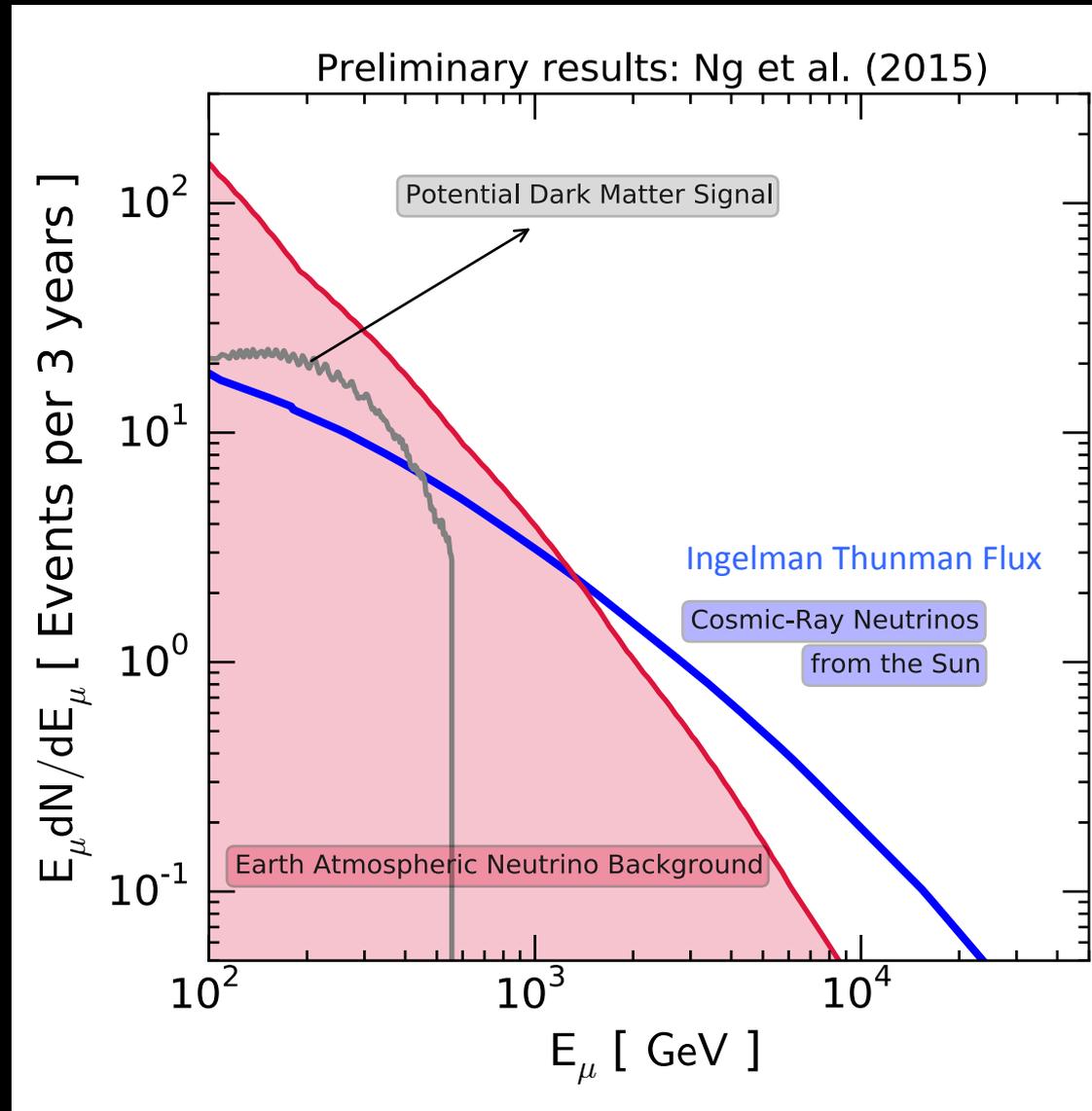
- Unique source for HAWC/ LHAASO
- Spectral break/ Cutoff?



# TeV Neutrino Sun

Ng et al. (in prep.)

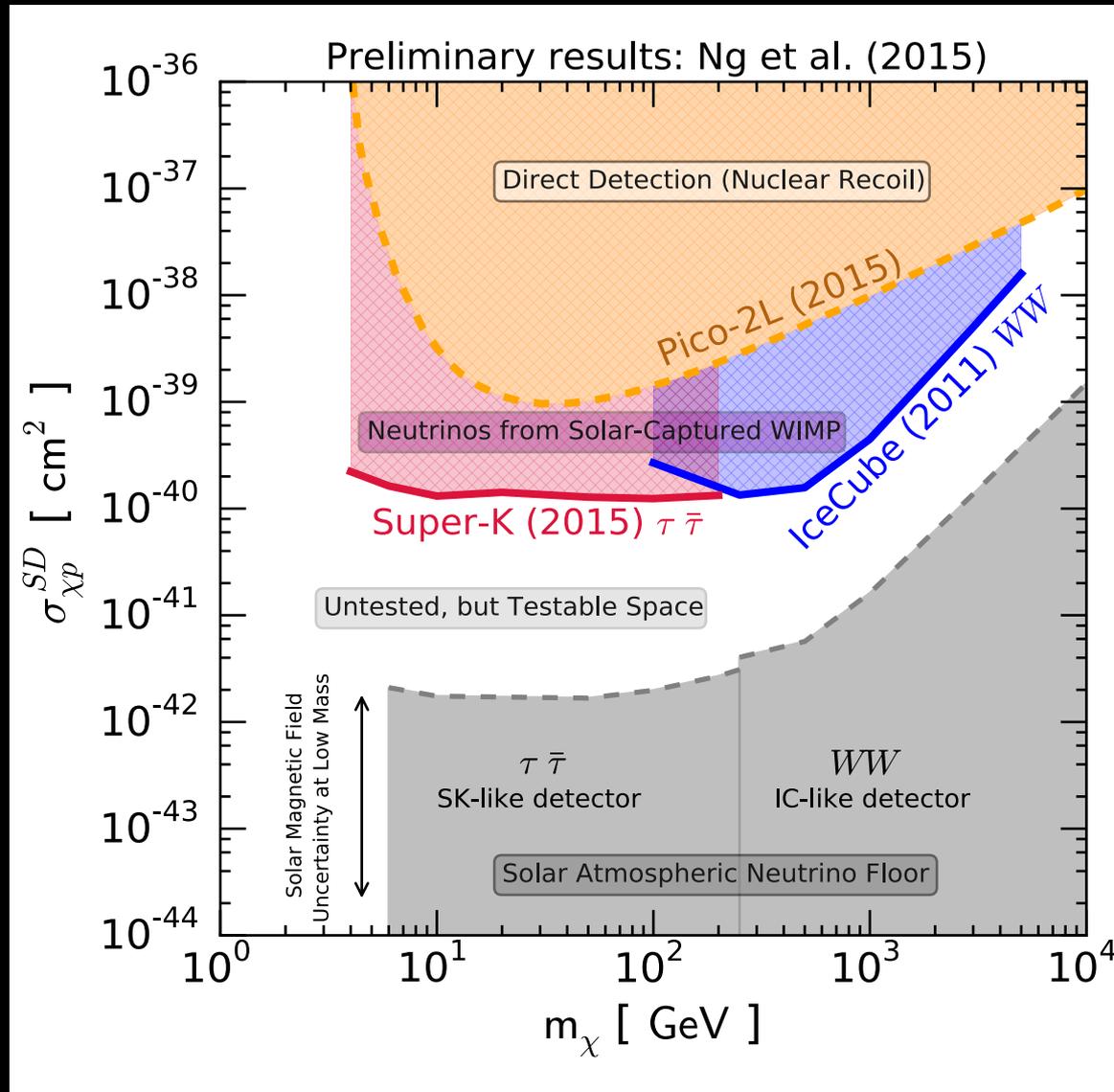
- Guaranteed, Identifiable Neutrino source!
- Standard candle
- Energy information?



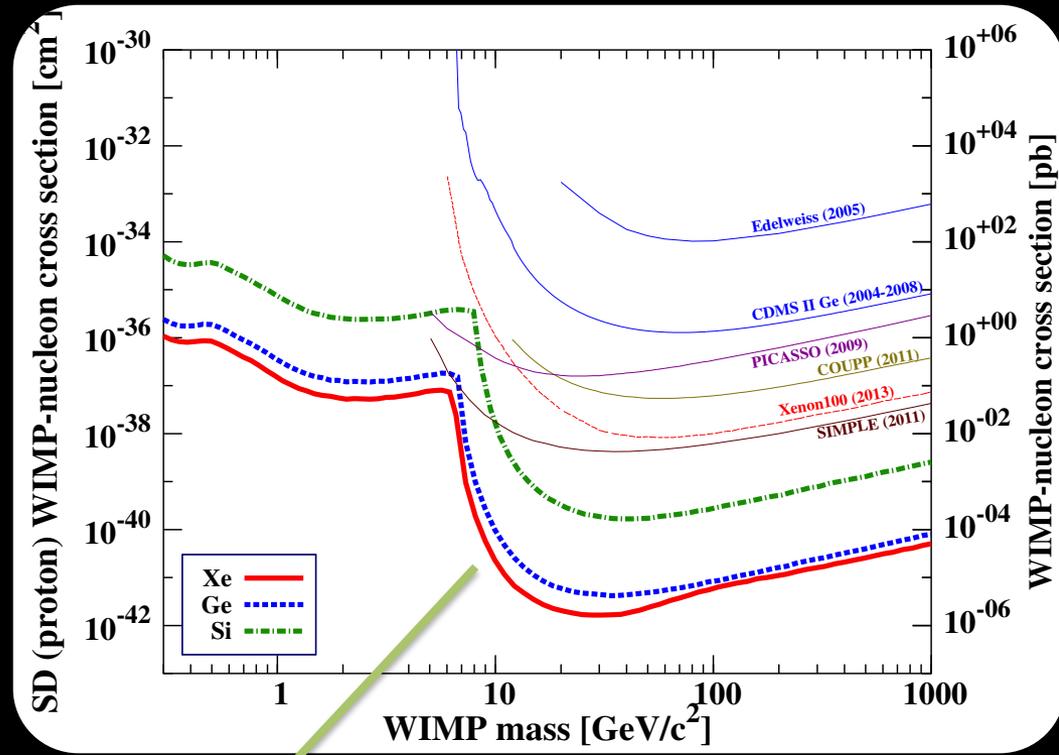
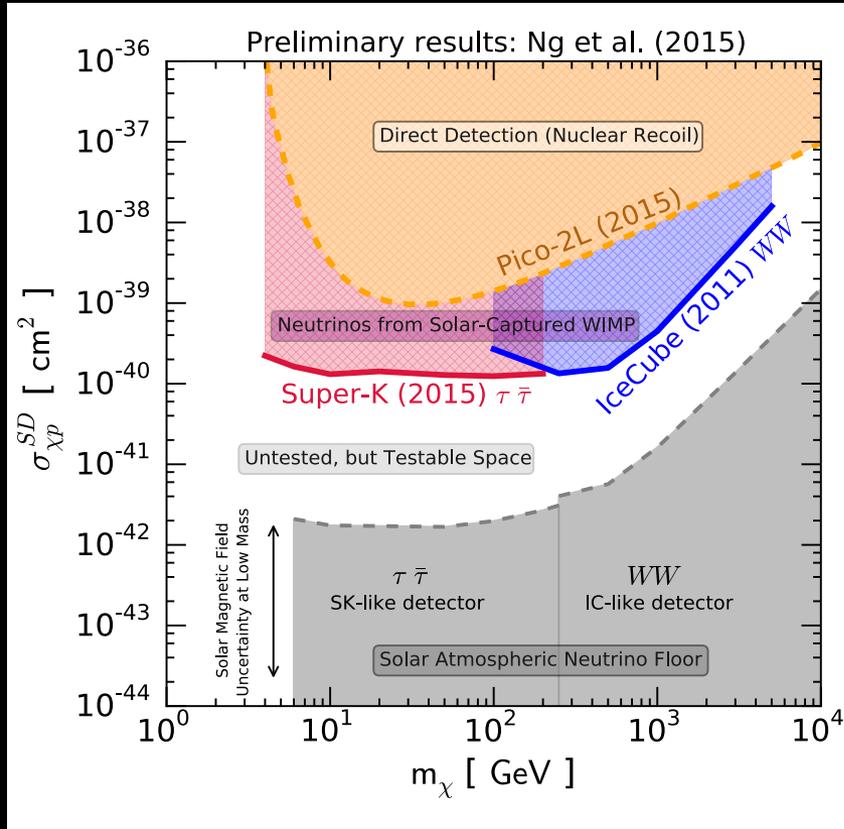
# Sensitivity floor

Ng et al. (in prep.)

- 1.5 – 2 orders of magnitude away
- Rate comparison



# Neutrinos floors

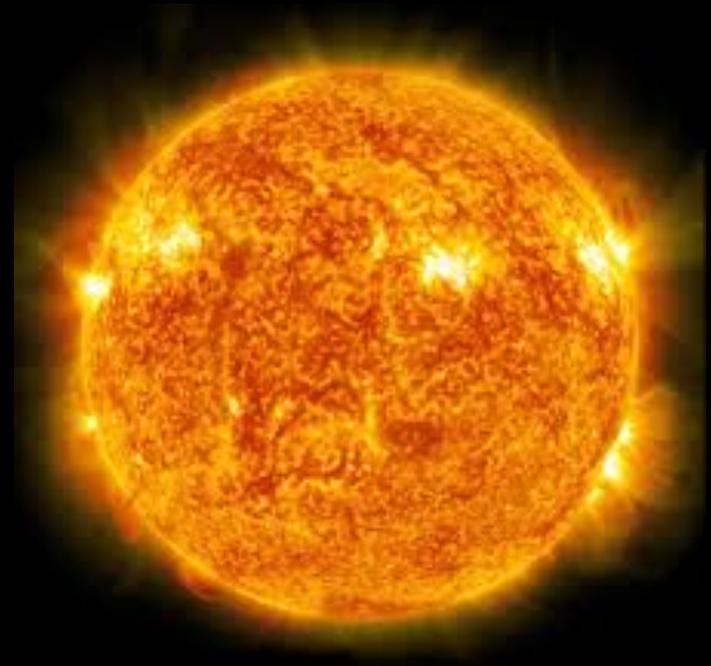


Ruppin et al. 2014

Coherent neutrino scattering

# Summary

- The Sun is a bright gamma-ray and neutrino source
- Cosmic rays
  - Propagation
  - Interaction
- Solar atmospheric physics
- Neutrino astronomy
  - Standard Source
- Dark matter
  - Neutrino floor
- More studies, more results to come



Thanks!